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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Dayton Water Trail project in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Dayton, located at 12260 South Diamond Lake Road, Dayton, MN 55328.

The funding would be used by the City of Dayton to construct safe, all-inclusive, ADA-compliant river access at two points on the Crow and Mississippi Rivers. The first of these access points is located at Goodin Park. This site would combine a trail head for the West Mississippi regional trail and the Diamond Lake Regional Trail, with a safe ADA accessible landing. In addition, this site would have numerous amenities, including picnic tables, benches, restrooms, bicycle repair station, kiosk, parking, safe access via a tunnel under Dayton River Road, and nature trails. The second site is at Elsie Stephens Park, a 20-acre park that is currently being developed by the City. This park is connected by a tunnel to the adjacent River Hills Community and links directly into a 22-acre park that has been developed by the City with walking trails, pickle ball courts, playground, basketball court, pollinator gardens, and a sledding hill. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would provide increased accessibility to the Mississippi and Crow Rivers, which are under-utilized amenities, and make them freely available to not only Dayton residents, but visitors from the surrounding areas.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S. Code section 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Phillips', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dean Phillips
Member of Congress